


REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that claims 18 and 19 are allowable, and that claims 7 and 15 would be allowable if written in independent form. Accordingly, claims 7 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form, and claims 1-6, 9-14 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8 and 16 have not been cancelled since they are dependent upon claims 7 and 15, respectively, which the examiner had indicated allowable, as noted above.

Therefore, it is believed that all of the claims now in the application are distinguishable one from the other and over the prior art. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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